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KYOSHO Yuichi Kanai Team Tools

With their precision-ground tips, comfortable high-tech handles and easily identifiable sizes, Kyosho's Yuichi Kanai Team Tools are sure to become the benchmark against which other tools are measured. If you have been looking for the ultimate in RC tools, you have just found them.

Their handles are beautifully machined out of bronze anodized aluminum, and their hollow centers keep the weight down. I like the knurled texture on the handles and the curved channel at the bottoms with rubber O-rings that create a comfortable non-slip grip. The channel is in the perfect spot for the tip of your thumb and index finger to rest when twisting the tool, and it allows you to put pressure on difficult-to-extract screws or nuts. The tools for smaller fasteners have equivalently sized handles so that you can't over-torque them. Color-coded anodized-aluminum caps indicate tool type, and tool size is printed on them. There are five colors; blue for flat-blade screwdrivers, red for Phillips-head screwdrivers, black for nut drivers, orange for hex drivers and green for hex ball drivers. I found that the color-coding and the sizes printed on the tools made finding the right tool quick and easy. The caps are also hex shaped to help prevent the tools from rolling off the bench.

The precision-machined tips fit snugly in their corresponding hardware. I tore down an 1/8-scale nitro buggy chassis with these tools, and not once did a tool slip in a screw—a good thing when you consider that most screws were thread-locked into place.

Kanai Team Tools are available only in metric sizes. To transport them, Kyosho offers a zippered heavy-duty fabric tool bag that features individual pouches to hold each tool.

These tools are sure to be the envy of all the racers who pit next to you. The handle design and precision-machined tips are grade A. If you are budget-minded, these tools are not for you, but I believe you get what you pay for; these tools are expensive, but they are definitely worth it.—Paul Onorato



Available Sizes

FLAT-BLADE SCREWDRIVER

- » 6mm—YKW003; \$36
- » 4mm long shaft—YKW004; \$30
- » 3mm long shaft—YKW005; \$27

PHILLIPS-HEAD SCREWDRIVER

- » No.1—YKW006; \$36
- » No. 2—YKW007; \$36

HEX DRIVER

- » 1.5mm—YKW015; \$27
- » 2.0mm—YKW020; \$28
- » 2.5mm—YKW025; \$28
- » 3.0mm—YKW030; \$29

HEX BALL DRIVER

- » 1.5mm—YKW015BP; \$36
- » 2.0mm—YKW020BP; \$37
- » 2.5mm—YKW025BP; \$36
- » 3.0mm—YKW030BP; \$35

NUT DRIVERS

- » 5.5mm—YKW055BX; \$42
- » 7.0mm—YKW070BX; \$42
- » Tool bag—YKW010B; \$15

RATING 5

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Each tool has a brightly anodized color-coded cap that indicates the type of tool and its size, and that makes locating the correct tool effortless when they are scattered on the workbench.



Kyosho offers a heavy-duty fabric tool bag complete with zipper that is perfect for safely storing the tools and keeping them organized.